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SUMMARY: AT ITS NOVEMBER 13 MEETING, MBFR WORKING GROUP (WG) APPROVED ITS REPORTS ON THE SHAPE AASSESSMENTS OF OPTION III AND THE UK, BELGIAN AND U.S. PAPERS; APPROVED CHAPTER V OF THE SECOND REPORT ON MOVEMENT CONSTRAINTS (WITH U.S. RESERVING); REMANDED CHAPTER VI OF SAME TO CONSTRAINTS SUBGROUP FOR REDRAFTING, GIVEN NUMEROUS TURKISH CAVEATS; HELD LENGTHY DISCUSSION ON OUTSTANDING DATA ISSUES, BUT ENDORSED - WITH TWO DELS AD REF - 925,000 AS
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TOTAL WP MANPOWER FIGURE (SEPTTEL); RECEIVED STAFF GROUP DRAFT ON WG PAPER REQUESTED BY SPC ON NEGOTIATED INSPECTION; AND CONSIDERED BRIEFLY NEW DRAFT ON WARNING TIME. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR NOV 20. END SUMMARY

1. PER INSTRUCTIONS REF A, U.S. REP LIFTED RESERVATIONS ON WG REPORTS COVERING SHAPE ASSESSMENTS OF BELGIAN, UK AND U.S. JULY 27 PAPER (AC/276-WP(73)35/1 REVISED), AS WELL AS SHAPE ASSESSMENT OF OPTION III (AC/276-WP(73)36 REVISED). UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THESE STUDIES ARE TECHNICAL PAPERS TO BE ISSUED AS APPROVED WG DOCUMENTS FOR GENERAL REFERENCE.

2. TURNING TO CHAPTERS V AND VI OF SECOND REPORT ON MOVEMENT CONSTRAINTS (AC/276-WP(73)16/1), CHAIRMAN (MINTER) ASKED WHETHER REPS COULD APPROVE CHAPTER V WITH DELETION OF PARA 90, AS PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED BY DUTCH. DANISH REP (KROGEN) SAID HE COULD APPROVE PAPER MINUS PARA 90, AS LONG AS OVERALL "NEGATIVE TONE" OF CHAPTER WAS REPERVED. HE WAS SECONDED BY FRG REP (DZIALAS), WITH CONSENSUS QUICKLY DEVELOPING FOR APPROVAL OF CHAPTER LESS PARA 90. U.S. REP RESERVED PENDING INSTRUCTIONS. ON CHAPTER VI, TURKISH REP (GUR) MADE LENGTHY INSTRUCTED INTERVENTION, IN WHICH HE ARGUED THAT UNILATERAL INCREASE IN THE THREAT TO THE FLANKS COULD OCCUR AS A RESULT OF SOVIET FORCES REDUCED IN THE CENTRAL REGION BEING REDEPLOYED TO AREAS ADJACENT TO TURKEY. THIS POSSIBILITY, HE ARGUED, WOULD JUSTIFY ALLIED EFFORTS TO OBTAIN UNILATERAL CONSTRAINTS ON SUCH REDEPLOYED FORCES. CONSTRAINTS WOULD ONLY APPLY TO INCREMENTAL FORCES, NOT THOSE ALREADY IN AREA. HE PROPOSED THAT LANGUAGE TO THIS EFFECT BE INTRODUCED IN PARA 124 AS A SUBSTITUTE TO THE SECOND SUBPARA. TURKISH PROPOSALS PRECIPITATED LENGTHY DISCUSSION ON THE MANNER IN WHICH SUCH CONSTRAINTS COULD BE FORMULATED, AS WELL AS THE EFFECTS OF RECIPROCITY SUCH EFFORTS WOULD HAVE FOR TURKISH FORCES AND TERRITORY. TRUKISH REP REPEATED ARGUMENTS HE HAD MADE IN PREVIOUS MEETING CONCERNING TOTAL UNACCEPTABILITY TO TURKEY OF BEING INCLUDED IN A CONSTRAINTS AREA. WHILE TURKEY MIGHT BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT CERTAIN MEASURES WITH RESPECT TO FOREIGN FORCES IN TURKEY, IT WAS EMPHATICALLY NOT PREPARED TO BE IN A "SPECIALIZED ZONE." CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED THAT IN VIEW OF NUMEROUS POINTS TURKEY WISHED TO MAKE, BEST PROCEDURE WOULD BE TO REMAND TASK OF REDRAFTING TO SUBGROUP ON MOVEMENT CONSTRAINTS, DURING WHICH TRUKS COULD PRESENT DETAILED PROPOSALS AND CONTRIBUTE TO
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FINAL PRODUCT. TURKISH REP AGREED.

3. UNDER DATA ITEM, U.S. REP MADE STRONG INTERVENTION TO ACHIEVE ALLIED AGREEMENT ON TOTAL WP MANPOWER FIGURE OF 925,000. REPS FINALLY AGREED, WITH UK AND DENMARK RESERVING FOR CHECK WITH CAPITALS (DETAILS SEPTTEL). U.S. REP THEN CIRCULATED EXPLANATIONS AND BREAKDOWN OF U.S. FIGURES FOR HUNGARY (AS PROVIDED REF B). CHAIRMAN PROPOSED THAT IMS INTELLIGENCE REPS EXAMINE U.S. EXPLANATIONS AND REPORT BACK AT NEXT MEETING. COMMENT: WE HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY HEARD THAT IMS ANTICIPATES NO MAJOR PROBLEMS IN RECONCILING DIFFERENCES GIVEN HELPFUL U.S. INPUT, WITH RESULT THAT WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THEM NEXT TUESDAY. END COMMENT FINALLY, U.S. REP TURNED TO NATO FIGURES

AND PROPOSED (PER PARA 5 REF C) THAT ALLIES CONFIRM OWN HOLDINGS BY DATE AND IF POSSIBLE BY BREAKOUT OF MAJOR CATEGORIES. HE ADDED THAT U.S. WOULD BE PREPARED TO SUBMIT A SIMILAR UP-TO-DATE BREAKOUT OF OWN FORCES IN NGA IF OTHERS DID SO. THIS PRECIPITATED RENEWED INSTITUTIONAL DEBATE ON VALIDITY OF NATO (DPQ DERIVED) FIGURES, AS WELL AS DISRUPTION OF NATO DATA BASE WHICH INTRODUCTION OF NEW FIGURES PRODUCES. CHAIRMAN FINALLY ASKED THAT STAFF GROUP QUERY THOSE COUNTRIES SHOWING WIDEST DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN NATO AND U.S. FIGURES. COMMENT: IMS DATA EXPERTS TELL US THAT THEY WILL HAVE READY BY NEXT MEETING A CONSOLIDATED LIST OF AGREED NATIONAL TOTALS WHICH WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY COME CLOSE TO 777,000 GRAND TOTAL. WE ARE SENDING SEPTEL OUR PROPOSALS FOR NEXT STEPS IN HANDLING OVERALL DATA QUESTION, NOW THAT IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENTS OF AD HOC GROUP ARE CLOSE TO RESOLUTION. END COMMENT

4. STAFF GROUP THEN CIRCULATED DRAFT TEXT OF A WORKING GROUP REPORT ON NEGOTIATED INSPECTION AS REQUESTED BY SPC (DOCUMENT APPEARS AS MILSTAM (MBFR)32-73, POUCHED). THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION OTHER THAN FORMAL STATEMENT BY FRG REP THAT GERMANY COULD NOT ACCEPT MLM/ATTACHE MEASURE. BELGIAN AND DUTCH REPS SECONDED POSITION WITH RESPECT TO ATTACHE PROTION. COMMENT: WE INTEND TO SUGGEST THAT STAFF GROUP PRODUCT SHOULD BE PUT TO SPC RAPIDLY (WHERE DISCUSSION OF NEGOTIATED INSPECTION PROPERLY BELONGS AT THIS STAGE) AND THAT IT NOT BE SUBJECT OF LENGTHY DEBATE IN WG AT THIS POINT. PAPER WOULD BE FORWARDED UNDER COVER OF A CHAIRMAN'S REPORT WHICH WOULD NOTE MAJOR POINTS MADE BY REPS AT NEXT MEETING, BUT IT WOULD NOT IDENTIFY PAPER AS FULLY AGREED BY ALLIES IN WG. END COMMENT.

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5. ON REVISED WARNING TIME PAPER (AC/276-WP(73)32(2ND REVISE), POUCHED), UK REP (GERRITY) SAID NEW TEXT DID NOT REFLECT UK INPUTS TO ANY SATISFACTORY DEGREE. CHAIRMAN THEREFORE ASKED SG TO REDRAFT PAPER IN CONSULTATION WITH UK.

6. NEXT WG MEETING SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 20.

7. WE NOTE DOCUMENTS NOT HELD BY WASHINGTON PER REF A. DOCUMENT AC/276-WP(73)35/1 SENT UNDER REGISTRY NO. 723425 TO STATE ON OCTOBER 12, 1973 AND AC/276-WP(73)16/1 SENT UNDER REGISTRY NO. 723420 ON OCTOBER 10, 1973. IF WASHINGTON CAN STILL NOT LOCATE DOCUMENTS, PLEASE ADVISE MISSION. MCAULIFFE

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